

# Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Mark 1:1

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

## THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL

Final Song

Benediction

### Memory Verses for Junior Church:

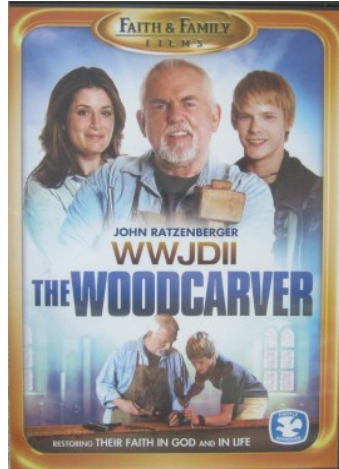
#### **Younger Elementary:**

“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

#### **Middle Elementary:**

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.” Jeremiah 31:33b

### New in the Rosedale Library:



**WWJDII- The Woodcarver:** A DVD by Faith and Family Films showing individuals restoring their faith in God and in life.

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### **Families of the Week**

**Please remember to pray for and to encourage the following people this week**

- Monday**      Kaune, Ashley
- Tuesday**     Kirkpatrick, Derek & Melissa
- Wednesday**    Latulippe, Ron & Gloria
- Thursday**      Leclerc, Denis
- Friday**         McPherson, Pat
- Saturday**      Meertins, Cedric

# ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



**Reaching up....**

**Reaching in....**

**Reaching out...**

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## This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am  
Admin Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

Wednesday: Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Men's Bible Study – 8:00 am

Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00 am  
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am  
Membership Class – 6:30 pm

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**Easter Offering:** If you forgot to bring your offering for the Kishores' ministry last weekend, we will still be collecting designated gifts today.

**April Supply Shower:** Items are posted in the foyer that are needed to replenish our supplies. You can help by taking the tab of an item and then dropping it off in the kitchen. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

**Summer Kids Club:** Our summer VBS is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> during the morning. This is a great opportunity for gospel outreach here in our community. Please speak with Leslie Bellingham if you would like to volunteer.

**Membership Classes:** Membership Classes will be starting on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. If you are interested in Believer's Baptism or Church Membership please speak with Pastor John.

**Open Arms Collection:** For the month of April we will be collecting Pasta Sauce

## The Beginning of the Gospel

Mark 1:1

### I. Preliminaries

- 1) The Author: John Mark
  - a. Early Church identified Mark as the author
  - b. Cousin of Barnabus (Colossians 4:10)
  - c. Influential Christian mother (Acts 12:12)
  - d. Companion of the Apostle Paul
    - i. Left Paul and Barnabus on their first missionary journey (Acts 15:36-41)
    - ii. Was later reconciled to Paul in spite of this early failure in ministry (2 Tim 4:11)
  - e. Interpreter/ Scribe for the Apostle Peter
    - i. Bishop Papias (1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> century) states that Mark's Gospel was based on Peter's eyewitness testimony
    - ii. Papias hints that Mark's Gospel doesn't follow a strict chronological order
    - iii. Mark was with Peter in Rome (1 Pet 5:13)
  - f. Mark may have been an eyewitness to Jesus as a young man (cf. Mark 14:51-52)
- 2) The Audience: Gentile Christians in Rome
  - a. Mark was with Peter in Rome shortly before his martyrdom under Nero
  - b. Rufus is mentioned in 15:21 (a member of the Church in Rome – Romans 16:13)
  - c. Jewish customs are always explained
- 3) The Date: Early- mid 60s AD
  - a. Most likely written after Peter's martyrdom (early 60s), and before destruction of the Temple in 70 AD
  - b. Early Church minimized the importance of Mark's Gospel – considered to be an abridged version of Matthew's Gospel

- c. Nearly all modern scholars believe that Mark was written before Matthew and Luke
- d. Reports are circulating that a 1<sup>st</sup> century fragment of Mark may have been discovered in Egypt – if true it will be the oldest New Testament fragment ever discovered

### II. Purpose (v. 1)

- 1) To explain the 'gospel' (*euangelion* = good news)
  - a. Mark ties the gospel to the reality of the historical Jesus – the gospel is all about Jesus!
    - i. '*euangelion*' was used by the Romans to announce the birth of the Emperor, his coming of age, his enthronement, his speeches, and his acts
    - ii. '*euangelion*' was used in the Greek version of the Old Testament to announce God's coming salvation (Isaiah 52:7)
  - b. Mark's Gospel focuses on action – what Jesus did rather than what Jesus said
- 2) To explain how the gospel 'began'
  - a. Matthew begins with Jesus' Messianic identity
  - b. Luke begins with Jesus' miraculous birth
  - c. John begins with Jesus' pre-existence
  - d. Mark begins with Jesus' earthly ministry
- 3) To demonstrate the deity of Jesus Christ
  - a. Mark's Gospel begins and ends with an affirmation of Christ's deity (1:1, cf. 15:39)
  - b. 'Son of God' – title used by the Roman Caesar
- 4) To encourage suffering Christians
  - a. Written in Rome during Nero's persecution
  - b. Almost half of Mark's Gospel takes place during Jesus' final week – suffering and death